



SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DoN) provides resources and opportunities for Seattle residents to build strong communities and improve their community's quality of life. With more than 180 neighborhoods in the city, the department plays a key role in helping neighbors develop a stronger sense of place and build stronger ties with their communities and local government.

DoN is ... *connecting people, communities, and government.*

CONNECTING PEOPLE

[Neighborhood Matching Fund](#) awards money to local groups for a broad array of neighborhood-initiated improvement, organizing or planning projects. Residents receiving a Neighborhood Matching Fund award match it with their own contribution of cash, volunteerism, and/or donated goods and services.

[P-Patch Community Gardens Program](#) supports and promotes community based organic urban agriculture and other greening opportunities that are culturally and neighborhood appropriate. It is the largest municipally-managed community gardening program in the country, managing about 70 gardens that serve 2000 households. With community gardens, their program areas of youth gardening, market gardens, and food policy serve all citizens of Seattle with an emphasis on low-income and immigrant populations and youth.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

[Neighborhood District Coordinators](#) facilitate and link neighborhoods to city government. Officed in Neighborhood Service Centers, the Coordinators connect with dozens of community organizations on a wide range of neighborhood projects and issues and work to engage and support all citizens in their districts.

[Neighborhood Planning Outreach](#) works closely with neighborhoods and city government to ensure the neighborhood growth plans developed by residents in the early 1990's have progressed over the 20-year implementation period. Additionally it works with specific neighborhoods, which are undergoing significant change, update their plans by using a creative outreach approach to under-represented communities including immigrant and refugee populations.

[Immigrant and Refugee Initiative](#) supports and promotes active participation of the city's immigrant and refugee population to give them a voice and connection to city government. The department focuses on improved translation and interpretation services, technical assistance for immigrant-owned business, increased access to city grants, and staffs an advisory board focused on immigrant and refugee issues.

CONNECTING GOVERNMENT

[Neighborhood Service Centers](#) are located in each of the city's 13 districts and serve as 'little city halls.' Every center has information on city services and human service agencies, programs and neighborhood activities.

[Neighborhood Payment and Information Services](#): At seven of the 13 Neighborhood Service Centers, customer service representatives assist over 225,000 residents each year apply for passports, pay city utility bills, obtain pet licenses and bus passes, and obtain necessary city forms and brochures.

[Historic Preservation Program](#) handles the identification and protection of more than 400 historic structures, sites, objects and vessels, as well as seven historic districts throughout Seattle. The program provides information on the basics of historic preservation in Seattle, including the designation process, and on incentives for property owners to encourage preservation and renovation. It also supports the work of several citizen boards involved in historic preservation.

[Major Institutions and Schools Program](#) provides a way for the neighbors of Seattle's larger institutions (i.e. hospitals, schools, universities, colleges) to be directly involved in the development plans for these institutions so that neighborhood concerns are considered. The program organizes and staffs city-appointed citizen advisory committees for each project.

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